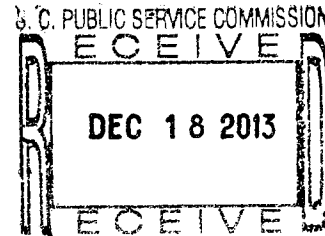




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The Honorable G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11649
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Re: Docket No: 2013-199-WS
Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and
Charges and Modifications of Certain Terms and Conditions for the Provision of
Water and Sewer Service

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

At the request of Charles L. A. Terreni, Esq, attorney for United Utility Companies, Inc., I have been requested to write to the Public Service Commission to advise why North Greenville University has not responded to the Propose Order Approving Increase in Rates and Charges, Rate Schedule Modifications and Settlement Agreement submitted by ORS on December 2, 2013.

The delay is due to serious negotiations of North Greenville University (NGU) and United Utility Companies, Inc. (UUC) for the purchase/sale of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Tigerville, S.C. which is owned by UUC. We are in the latter stages of hammering out an Asset Purchase Agreement. It will more than likely take a few more weeks. I am hopeful we can work this out in a shorter amount of time, but I would request the indulgence of the Public Service Commission for a few more weeks.

Obviously, if we can work out the Asset Purchase Agreement, NGU will not have any problems in consenting to the Settlement Agreement brokered by ORS with UUC. On the other hand if NGU cannot work out an Asset Purchase Agreement with UUC for this plant, then NGU will probably not consent to the Settlement Agreement and will more than likely want to continue its opposition to any rate increase in the waste water treatment rates.

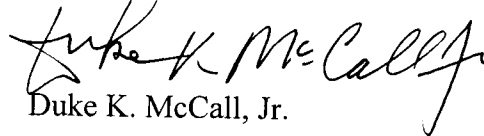
I will work with Mr. Terreni to let you know as quickly as possible as soon as NGU and UUC resolve the remaining issues in question in the proposed Asset Purchase Agreement for this Plant.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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